

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 783

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Pauline McPherson
Armstrong of Knoxville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Pauline McPherson Armstrong of Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Armstrong was an extraordinary human being whose grace, compassion and dedication to her family, her community, and her faith will never be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the mother of our colleague, Representative Joe Armstrong, all who were fortunate to meet Pauline Armstrong were soon enamored with her selflessness, her passion for life and her devotion to her children; and

WHEREAS, born on December 18, 1921, Pauline McPherson would meet her future husband, Charles Louie Armstrong, in Knoxville, where they would be united in marriage in August, 1938; and

WHEREAS, a devoted and loving wife, Mrs. Armstrong was a nurturing, loving, and supportive mother and grandmother who loved to share with friends and neighbors the wonderful accomplishments of her children and grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, employed for several years in the healthcare field, Mrs. Pauline Armstrong was also the owner and operator of Tiny Village Day Care Center and after retirement enjoyed serving as a Foster Grandparent at Fair Garden Family Center; and

WHEREAS, she was a charter member of the First AME Zion Church, which she served faithfully over the years in numerous capacities; she also served on the board of KOIC and was a member of the Town and Country Bridge Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Armstrong was deeply devoted to her family as a wife, mother and grandmother and is survived by her beloved husband of seventy years, Charles Louie Armstrong; her loving children and their respective spouses, Charles and Barbara Armstrong,

Ralph and Angelynne Armstrong, Chaplain Lt. Colonel Phillip Armstrong, David and Geraldine Armstrong, Paul and Dorothy Armstrong, Marilyn and G.T. Wilkerson, Dwight and Gina Armstrong, our colleague Representative Joe and LeTonia Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, preceded in death by her granddaughter Desiree Armstrong, Pauline McPherson Armstrong was the beloved grandmother of twenty-five treasured grandchildren and their respective spouses, Charles and Wanda Armstrong, Jr., Gwendolyn L. Beach, Sharron L. Armstrong, Ronald and Valeria Armstrong, Duane and Yolanda Armstrong, Diedra Armstrong, Andrew Brown, Phillip George Armstrong, Phillip Charles Armstrong, Christin-Joy Armstrong, Nota and John Hunter, Shana Armstrong, Angelina Armstrong, Felicia Armstrong-Bond, Paul Armstrong, Jr., Mary Armstrong, Brandi and Raymond Frazier, Michelle Wilkerson, Alicia Armstrong, Dwight C. Armstrong, Jr., Keyondra Armstrong, Stephanie Carter, Cory Armstrong, and Aleah Armstrong; and

WHEREAS, she is also survived by thirty-two great-grandchildren, nine great-great grandchildren, a brother-in-law and his spouse Carl D. and Sonja Armstrong, a sister-in-law, Juanita Thomas, a very devoted cousin, Laura Jean Brabson and her family, members of the McPherson and Moore families, and a host of other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this gracious, compassionate and extraordinary human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Pauline McPherson Armstrong, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Armstrong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.